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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR 1, MARCH 28, 1973

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL DANANG ON MARCH 28, ACTION
EMBASSY SAIGON REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 59, MARCH 28, 1973

1. MILITARY SITUATION:

ACTIVITY REMAINED LIGHT THROUGHOUT MR I WITH ONLY 18 INCIDENTS
REPORTED, 17 OF THEM ATTACKS BY FIRE(ABF), AND NO GROUND ATTACKS
REPORTED. 1 ST DIVISION RECEIVED 5 OF THE ABFS; THE REMAINDER
WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE MR. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE
8 KIA, 1 MIA, 40 WIA (THE BULK OF THE CASUALTIES WERE FROM MINES);
ENEMY 7 KIA, 1 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY EXPENDED 1,382 ROUNDS;
393 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 989 SOUTH.

2. NON- GVN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: THE FREEDOM PARTY IN DANANG

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A. MR I GREATER SOLIDARITY FORCE (GSF) CHAIRMAN NGUYEN CONG KINH INFORMED CONGEN POLOFF ON MARCH 27 THAT FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS LOCAL GSF AND NHAN XA LEADERS HAVE BEEN HOLDING PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE AMALGAMATION OF THE TWO PARTIES INTO A DANANG CHAPTER OF THE " FREEDOM PARTY." KINH STATED THAT WHILE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARDS THE UNIFICATION OF THE TWO PARTIES, HE DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE THE FREEDOM PARTY EMERGE LOCALLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. HE ADDED THAT THESE UNIFICATION DISCUSSIONS WERE BEING KEPT RELATIVELY QUIET FOR FEAR THAT UNDUE PUBLICITY REGARDING THE FREEDOM PARTY WOULD PROVOKE LOCAL GVN AUTHORITIES " TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US."

B. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF MARCH 27, DANANG NHAN XA LEADER DOAN CONG QUYEN WAS PESSIMISTIC IN REGARDS THE EVENTUAL AFFILIATION OF NHAN XA WITH THE GSF IN THE FREEDOM PARTY. QUYEN SUSPECTED THAT LOCAL GSF LEADERS WOULD USE THE FREEDOM PARTY PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL POLITICAL GAINS AND CONSEQUENTLY DOUBTED THAT THE LOCAL NHAN XA CHAPTER WOULD READILY ENTER THE NEW PARTY.

3. DANANG REFUGEE LABOR PROJECTS:

IN DANANG, A LABOR PROJECT FOR QUANG TRI REFUGEES IS FINALLY UNDERWAY THROUGH THE AUSPICES OF THE AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANANG AREA (ADDA), WHICH IS ITSELF A PILOT PROJECT OPERATING UNDER A GVN INTER- MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WITH A 1973 BUDGET FOR ONE BILLION PIASTERS TO BE USED FOR LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT. AS OF YESTERDAY, ABOUT 1,000 REFUGEES WERE EMPLOYED AT 400 PIASTERS PER DAY CLEARING AND LEVELING AREAS ALONG SEVERAL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION. SANITATION PROJECTS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS PAYING 3 00 PIASTERS PER DAY ARE NOT YET OPERATING SMOTHLY. BROWN
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